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- The top agency of the National Front is the National Council which was organized on 3 February 1950. Its relationship with the Provisional People's Chamber and the Government of the German Democratic Republic is indicated by the personalities in responsible governmental positions who at the same time are members of this agency :
From the Minister President's office : Grotewohl, Otto, SED; Ulbricht, Walter, SED; Nuschke, Otto, CDU; Kastner, Prof. Hermann, LDP.
From the Foreign Ministry : Dertinger, Georg, CDU.
From the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry : Goldenbaum, Ernst, DBP (Deutsche Bauern Partei); Merker, Paul, SED;
From the Supply Ministry : Hamann, Dr. Karl, LDP.
From the Finance Ministry : Loch, Dr. Hans, LDP.
From the Reconstruction Ministry : Bolz, Dr. Lothar, NDP.
From the Chamber of the Laender (Board) : Lobedanz, Dr. Reinhold, CDU.
From the People's Chamber (Board) : Schmidt, Lili, SED; Ibert, Friedrich, SED.
- Of equal interest however are the names of certain prominent personalities who are not represented. The following persons who still hold leading governmental positions are not members of the National Council :
Ackermann, Anton, SED
Steinhoff, Dr. Karl, SED
Rau, Heinrich, SED
Leuschner, Bruno, SED
Rumpf, Willi, SED
Selbmann, Fritz, SED
Handtke, Georg, SED
Steidle, Luitpold, CDU
Reingruber, Prof. Fritz
Burmeister, Fritz, CDU
Wandel, Paul, SED
Fechner, Max, SED
Lange, Fritz, SED
Dieckmann, Johannes, LDP.

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3. The following members of the SED politbureau are members of the National Council :
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| Grotewohl, Otto | Merker, Paul |
| Ulbricht, Walter | Ebert, Friedrich |
| Dahlem, Franz. | |
4. The SED is also represented in the National Council by persons from the following organizations :

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Names of Representative</u>
National Front Secretariat	Koenen, Wilhelm
Free German Labor Federation	Warnke, Herbert
	Malter, Friedl
Free German Youth	Honecker, Erich
	Spillner, Ingrid
Democratic Women's Association	Geissler, Charlotte
Peasants' Mutual Aid Society	Vieweg, Kurt
	Kupke, Adolf
Cultural League	Becher, Johannes R.
	Niekisch, Prof. Ernst
German Sport Committee	Friedel, Herbert
	Goedecke, Fritz

Land organizations :

Berlin	Jendretzki, Hans
Thuringia	Mueckenberger, Erich
Brandenburg	Saegebrecht, Willi
Mecklenburg	Buerger, Kurt
Saxony-Anhalt	Koenen, Bernhard
Saxony	Lohagen, Ernst

5. While the chairmen of all SED Land organizations are members of the National Council, the majority of the chairmen of CDU and LDP organizations and many of the top functionaries of those parties who still hold leading positions in the state administration as well as in their own parties, are not members of the National Council. Accordingly it may be assumed that these functionaries will eventually be retired with the exception of the following who actually are members of the National Council :
- CDU members : Nuschke, Otto; Dertinger, Georg; Stark-Wintersig, Dr. Magd.; Schmidt, Max (Thuringia); Lobedanz, Dr. Reinhold; Moritz, Dr. (Saxony-Anhalt); Dedek, Magnus (Saxony), and Goetting, Gerald.
 - LDP members : Kastner, Prof. Hermann; Schirmer-Proescher, Wilhelm; Hamann, Dr. Karl; Loch, Dr. Hans; Richter, Paul (Mecklenburg); Radel, Frieda (Brandenburg); Kamps, Otto (Saxony-Anhalt); Konzok, Willi (Saxony), and Busch, August (Saxony).
6. The NDP and the DBP, which follow the SED line completely, are represented on the National Council by the following persons :
- NDP members : Bolz, Dr. Lothar; Mueller, Vincenz; Homann, Heinrich; Lensky, Arno von (Berlin); Koenig, Dr. Walter

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- (Thuringia); Korfes, Dr. (Brandenburg), and Ruehle, Dr. Otto (Saxony-Anhalt).
- b. DBP members : Goldenbaum, Ernst; Scholz, Paul; Walther, Katharina (Thuringia); Werner, Kurt (Thuringia); Dabels, Fritz (Mecklenburg), and Beer, Walter (Mecklenburg).
7. The various parties are thus represented on the National Council in the following numbers : SED - 28, NDP - 7, DBP - 6, CDU - 3 and LDP - 9. This makes a total of 41 members for the faction completely loyal to the SED line and 17 members for the CDU and LDP which although friendly toward the SED are not known to be entirely dominated by it.
8. Inasmuch as there is no doubt that the remaining non-affiliated members of the National Council were delegated to that body because of their political reliability with respect to the SED line it is safe to conclude that the SED has secured for itself a majority which cannot be assailed, moreover, nearly all CDU and LDP functionaries in the National Council have given proof of their positive attitude toward the SED. Thus it is evident that the National Council will be a pliant tool of the SED.

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